

19 DEAD, 20TH CENTURY FLIER WRECK

The Worst Railroad Horror of the Year.

FAST TRAIN RUNS INTO OPEN SWITCH

Coaches Piled on Top of Engine and Wrecked—Passengers, Burned and Scalded to Death—Wreck Occurred Near Home of the Widow of the Late President Garfield.

Cleveland, O., June 22.—While traveling at the rate of twenty miles an hour the famous 20th century limited, the fastest long distance train in the world, ran through an open switch at the little town of Mentor, east of Cleveland, at 9:20 o'clock last night, causing one of the worst wrecks in the history of the Lake Shore road.

The engine was hurled into the ditch. A part of the train was crushed on top of it and the wreck was partly buried. The horrors of the wreck were doubled in the horrors of the fire.

More than a score of people were killed and injured and the famous train was largely demolished.

The train was crowded, practically all its accommodations being taken when it left the city. It was behind time and the greatest of speed was being made to make up lost time.

The dead: Thomas R. Morgan, of the Wellman-Seaver-Morgan company, Cleveland; burned to death.

John R. Bennett, patent attorney, New York city; burned to death.

A. L. Rodgers, Platt iron company, New York city; died on operating table at Cleveland general hospital.

N. B. Walters, baggage man, of Hamburg, N. Y.; scalded to death.

Allen Tyler, Collinwood, Ohio, engineer; crushed under engine.

H. H. Wright, traveling man, Chicago, died at Cleveland general hospital.

Fireman Graham, Collinwood; crushed under engine.

Address unknown: Williams, first name and address unknown.

S. C. Beckwith, New York city, advertising agent; seriously burned.

J. H. Gibson, Chicago, traveler; at Charity hospital; probably fatally injured.

Charles H. Wellman, of the Wellman-Seaver-Morgan company of this city, engineer Allen Tyler, J. A. Bradley, a prominent attorney of Akron, Ohio, A. P. Head of London, England, and F. J. Brandt of this city all died this morning as a result of their injuries.

William B. Mickey, address unknown.

Henry Trinz, New York, harbor on buffer car.

F. J. Brandt, 35 years old, Toledo, trainman.

J. A. Bartley, Akron, traveler; Archibald F. Head, London, Eng., steel company representative; Charles H. Wellman, of the Wellman-Seaver-Morgan company of Cleveland, scalded and burned;

Five unidentified dead, one of whom is supposed to be Arthur L. Johnson, of Coney & Johnson, Cleveland.

The injured: Rudolf Ricardau, Brooklyn, N. Y., will probably die.

Aaron Gorham, Norwalk, Ohio, fireman; severely burned; not serious.

Unknown: fatally burned.

Unknown: seriously burned.

C. Cordua, Brooklyn, N. Y., seriously burned.

D. E. Arthur, Milwaukee.

At Lakeside hospital: Unknown man; crushed and burned.

Allen Flier, of Astabula; cut and bruised.

Missing: A. L. Johnson, of Coney and Johnson, Cleveland.

The harbor and the porter of combination car.

Late reports gave the number of injured as twenty-one and of these fifteen are seriously if not fatally hurt. Practically all the injured were burned and had to be extricated from the mangled wreckage by rescue parties.

A peculiarly distressing feature of the rescue work was the fact that the injured were so crazed when they were taken out from under the mass of wreckage that they could not even reveal their own identity. Search of their effects furnished the means for identifying three.

Assistant General Superintendent D. C. Moon, of the Lake Shore on the scene of the wreck gave out the following statement:

"So far as can be learned the switch was opened and locked open by some party unknown; probably a crank, and evidently for malicious purposes. Train No. 10, a fast east-bound train, passed through the same switch 45 minutes ahead of No. 28 and it was all right at that time. It is positive that no other train or engine, either freight or passenger passed through the switch between No. 10 and No. 28.

Traveling at a rate of more than a mile a minute, the heavy train was hurled to its doom with a momentum that was appalling. The scene of the accident was at the Mentor depot. The switch that caused the trouble is located about 130 yards west of the depot. As the heavy engine struck the switch it left the main track and swung violently to the left.

For a distance of twenty yards the engine ran on the rails, and then, rearing from the track, turned on its side just to the east of the depot. The momentum was such that the heavy train was hurled entirely over the engine and was buried in the depot.

The combination car was hurled with terrific violence on top of the engine and under and in a moment was completely buried in flames from the engine.

said he, "when the engine left the track. It occurred so quickly that I little knew what happened until we crashed into the Mentor freight house. I neither heard nor saw the engineer after that."

"The engine overturned and somehow the tank managed to fall upon me, but not heavily and I was sheltered by it. I lost consciousness from the terrible blow which I had received upon the head and I knew nothing until I was dragged from underneath the wrecked engine. My escape was positively a miracle, since I did not meet the fate of poor Tyler."

Inhalation of steam and terrible burns were the worst features of the cases in the hospitals here.

A. P. Head, of London, Eng. had inhaled flames and smoke. His tongue was swollen and his lungs were seared so that the doctors declared he could live only a few hours.

H. H. Wright of Chicago was plucked in the train and was partly extricated by his own efforts when the flames overtook him and burned him so severely that he died later. He was brought to Cleveland on the relief train and taken to the Cleveland general hospital. His arms and head were burned so that he was hardly recognizable.

Mentor, the scene of the wreck, is the home of the widow of the late President James A. Garfield. Mrs. Garfield has lived in Mentor for a number of years. Her residence, however, is about two miles west of where the wreck occurred. The scene of the wreck occurred on the main track.

Conductor Alexander Hammond of the limited told his experience thus: "I rushed back to the switch immediately after the wreck. It was open and locked open. I tried it and found that it worked all right. The switch light was out. Not a wheel rolled over the switch since No. 10, the east-bound Chicago and Boston train, went through forty-five minutes before of the second car of the train, was busy preparing berths for the passengers when he felt the train leave the main track. He said he just went up into the air, and then he lurched sideways. That is all I can say about it. I fell against a window and broke it. I crawled out of the window, coming out on the under side of the train. Whenever a face appeared at a window I grabbed it and pulled it out. All were saved, but I was hurt a little. My hand was badly cut and my shoulder sprained severely."

James H. Gibson of 475 Flournoy street, Chicago, a passenger on the train, died at the Cleveland hospital early to-day from his injuries. Gibson was conscious up to within a short time of his death and spoke calmly of his experience. He said only a confused recollection of people coming to help me, and their impression that my hands and arms were bleeding where I had broken the glass; then I remember nothing more until I was on board the train coming to Cleveland."

William Barclay Parsons of New York city, who was chief engineer for the construction of the New York subway when it was built, was on the train, but escaped injury.

A quantity of first class mail matter was destroyed by the fire, which consumed all except the two rear coaches. The mail was largely composed of through pouches from the west and destined for eastern points. Just how many pouches were destroyed the railway officials are unable to say at the present time.

WERE ON FLIER.

Syracuse, N. Y., June 22.—A special train with the uninjured and slightly injured passengers who were on the wrecked twentieth century train, passed through here bound for New York at 10 a. m. Sixteen of the passengers sustained no injuries. There were six with slight bruises.

MANAGER DAILY TALKS.

Chicago, June 22.—C. F. Daly, general passenger traffic manager of the Lake Shore road made the following statement early to-day:

"Vice-president W. C. Brown and I have been getting all the information from the scene of the wreck by telephone at his residence. The terrible tragedy has been a severe shock to us both and it is impossible at this time to account fully for the accident. However from the best information, that we have been able to secure, we are both of the opinion that the disaster must have resulted from some one tampering with the switch. The evidence seems to point to a deliberate, malicious attempt to derail the train."

"Train No. 10, which left here yesterday morning at 10:30, passed this switch less than an hour ahead of the 20th century limited. The switch was all right then. There was no train between the two. The information leads us to think that some time between these two trains the switch was tampered with."

"The train was going at the customary rate of speed, which is about 60 to 65 miles an hour. This speed we do not believe was the cause of the accident. The same accident would have befallen any train going at a much less rate of speed, and in the case of a long, heavy train, the fatalities would have been even greater."

When asked if the accident which had befallen the train would lead to the abandonment of the 18 hour schedule between Chicago and New York, Mr. Daly denied that any such result would follow.

"We do not believe that the rate of

speed is a factor to be considered in the disaster of last night. If we were to think the speed responsible for the accident and should seek to eliminate all possibility of such catastrophes we would have to reduce the running time of trains to 15 or 20 miles an hour. This the public would not tolerate."

CASSINI OUT OF IT.

He Will Take No Part in the Peace Negotiations.

St Petersburg, June 22.—The Russ says it is authorized to say that Count Cassini, the retiring Russian ambassador at Washington, will not participate in the peace negotiations but will leave the United States immediately on the arrival of Baron Rosen, his successor.

From independent sources The Associated Press confirms the statement of Russ that Count Cassini will have no part in the peace negotiations.

Foreign Minister Lansdorff is indisposed. It is understood that his condition is not serious but his physician has ordered him not to leave his bedroom to-day. There is no intimation however that this will delay the pending negotiations. The question of a temporary suspension of hostilities seems to rest with Japan. In the meantime the chancelleries of St Petersburg and Tokio are occupied with the selection of the plenipotentiaries. It can now be regarded as settled that they will number three on each side. Each country desires to appoint negotiators of equal rank and this increases the probability that M. Witte president of the committee of plenipotentiaries if Japan names the Marquis Ito, president of the Japanese privy council. It is possible that M. Nelidoff the Russian ambassador at Paris may not go to Washington. As dean of the Russian diplomatic corps he was the first choice of the foreign office but he is of advanced age and his health is not robust. Besides M. Nelidoff is an exceedingly poor sailor and he may ask to be relieved of his mission. In such an event it is considered certain that Baron Rosen will be appointed.

APPOINTMENT MADE.

St Petersburg, June 22, 10:42 a. m.—Emperor Nicholas has definitely appointed Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholasievitch (second cousin of his majesty) to be president of the council of national defense.

DR SCHAEFER'S REPORT.

Berlin, June 22.—Dr Schaefer, who went to Manchuria in 1904 in behalf of the German military medical authorities, has made a report to the general staff which Chief Surgeon Von Leuthold has just communicated to the German Surgical society. Dr Schaefer reports that the percentage of Russian losses was unusually high, ranging from 30 to 75 per cent of their fighting strength. A large proportion of the wounds were in the head, owing to the defensive fighting behind breastworks. The proportion of the dead to the wounded ranged from four to one to six. Most of the deaths were due to the heavy artillery firing.

The great number of the Russian wounded, especially during the retreats, caused the surgeons to be heavily overworked, they often operating two and three days without rest or sleep.

FIRE ON WORKMEN.

Lodz, Russian Poland, June 22.—Twenty-two persons were killed as the result of yesterday's firing by dragons and cossacks on a procession of 20,000 workmen which had been organized as a demonstration against the government. Ten of the about 100 wounded are dying. Two women were crushed to death in the rush of the panic stricken crowds after the firing began. To-day some workmen in revenge for last night's shooting shot and killed a cossack and two policemen.

GOVERNOR POSTS NOTICES.

Moscow, June 22.—The governor of Moscow has posted notices of the forthcoming mobilization of troops and exhorting the population to be calm. The mobilization is expected June 29.

PLAYED 100 GAMES.

Yale and Harvard Start On a New Century Run To-Day.

Cambridge, Mass., June 22.—Having played together exactly 100 games of baseball since the sport began in 1888, the old college rivals, Harvard and Yale prepared to-day for the 101st contest on Soldier's field, the first of this year's series.

That the series would practically decide the college championship of the east is shown by the fact that both teams have vanquished during the season just closing nearly all of the leading teams in this part of the country and are practically tied for first place in this list of what is sometimes called the big six, which includes Princeton, Cornell, Columbia and Syracuse.

Yale has suffered one defeat, from Princeton, while Harvard's record with the big six shows no defeats.

Up to last Saturday Harvard's success and Yale's overwhelming defeat by Princeton in the first of their series had made the crimson a strong favorite for the final series, but the Holy Cross victory on Soldier's field and Yale's decisive defeat of Princeton at New York on the same day, makes the outcome of to-day's contest one of uncertainty.

The four days of hard rain followed by a thick fog this morning gave little encouragement to the followers of the sport, but more favorable conditions were hoped for later in the day. It was expected before the game that the two sides would present the following batting order:

Harvard: Kerman H. Leonard 3b, Stephenson C. Matthews ss, Randall Jb, Dexter cf, McCarty rf, Bradbury 2b, Coburn p.

Yale: Barnes cf, O'Brien ss, Kinney 3b, Cole H. Heston rf, Bowman 1b, Camp 2b, Chapin c, Jackson p.

THE SALOON LAW

The House Insisted On Former Action in Voting for 10 O'clock.

Hartford, June 22.—Both houses of the legislature met to-day and at once proceeded to dispose of calendar matters.

In the house the railroad committee report, continuing the demurrage bill to the next general assembly, was concurred in.

The house insisted on its action in passing the bill requiring saloons to close at ten o'clock. The senate has rejected this bill.

Concurrent action was taken in adopting the senate amendment to the lottery bill, which prohibits the sale of property through the medium of clubs.

The house insisted on its action in appointing George B. Clarke, judge of the city court of Derby and rejected the resolution appointing W. R. Barnett, elected by the senate.

Among the measures passed was one relating to the division of the state into senatorial districts, pertaining to the sixth ward in Waterbury.

Representative Northrop wanted the automobile bill, passed yesterday, recalled, as he wished to make remarks on one of the amendments. Speaker Holcomb ruled the request out of order.

In the senate the resolution reappointing Richard H. Tyner, judge of the city court of New Haven and reappointing Lucien F. Burpee judge of the city court of Waterbury were tabled for calendar and printing.

The bill providing for a fine of \$7 on any person who shall, within one mile of fairs or gatherings of any incorporated society, expose or offer for sale food, drink or other merchandise, or have amusements without permission of the society, was rejected.

Senator Judson called up the resolution reappointing Judge Thayer to the New Haven city court and moved its adoption. After some discussion in which Senator Donovan remarked that it appeared as if the courts of the state had grown to be political merchandise, the resolution was passed.

SETTLEMENT NOT NEAR.

Teamsters' Strike at Chicago is Dragging Along.

Chicago, June 22.—The teamsters' strike showed practically no signs of settlement by mediation to-day. A second conference between the peace committee, appointed by the teamsters' joint council, and John V. Farwell, Jr., representative of the employers' association hinged upon the decision of the committee and the international executive board to accept or reject the terms of the employers. These terms are so at variance with the strikers' demands that an agreement seemed well nigh hopeless.

THE EIGHTH ROUND.

Ostend, Belgium, June 22.—The chess players met in the eighth round of the international tournament to-day. The usual adjournment was taken at 1:30 p. m., when the following results had been recorded: Maroczy beat Teichmann, Taubenhaus lost to Schlechter, Leonhardt beat Tschigorin, Janowsky beat Tarrasch and Marco and Burn drew. The Alapin vs Wolf game will be resumed this afternoon.

CAUGHT CRIBBING.

New Haven, June 22.—The Register this afternoon says that a report has been made to the Yale faculty by Professor H. A. Farr that Cornelius Edward Daly, one of the best oarsmen of the varsity eight has been caught cribbing in his examinations. Dr Farr has been asked to appear before the faculty to-morrow and present his evidence.

FAVOR THE BLOCK SYSTEM.

Denver, June 22.—The annual convention of the Train Dispatchers' association which is in session here has reiterated its stand in favor of the "block system" for handling trains, and the delegates appear to favor some legislative action to enforce the adoption of this system.

TO DISCUSS BOTCOTT.

Island of Penang, Straits Settlements, June 22.—The Chinese are convening a meeting here to discuss the adoption of a boycott of American manufacturers until the Chinese exclusion act is repealed. It is said that the Chinese of the Malay states probably will follow suit.

BANK CAVED IN.

Bristol, June 22.—A cave-in at a ditch being dug for gas mains in Riverside avenue this noon caused injury to three laborers. Paquin's Opera will probably die, while the other two are suffering from bodily injuries and one of them with a broken hand.

KILLED BY TROLLEY.

Noroton, June 22.—Timothy Sullivan, an inmate of the Soldiers' home in this place, was killed by a trolley car last night. He evidently was walking on the track and was not seen by the motorman.

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DENIED BY JUDGE WHEELER

Says He is Not Justified in Discharging the Woman From Custody—He Criticized the State Officials for Their Attitude in the Case—An Appeal Will Now be Taken to the United States Supreme Court.

Brattleboro, Vt., June 22.—The Mary M. Rogers habeas corpus petition was denied by Judge Wheeler, sitting as a justice of the United States circuit court to-day.

In his opinion Judge Wheeler took occasion to criticize the proceedings of the state with reference to Mrs. Rogers and her case. He could not see, however, that he was justified in ordering the discharge of the woman from custody. It is understood that an appeal to the United States supreme court will be taken, that pending a decision by that body, Mrs. Rogers, whose reprieve by the governor expires to-morrow, will not be executed.

After a consultation Mrs. Rogers' attorneys formally filed an appeal. Later Judge Wheeler announced to the attorneys his readiness to grant the appeal but stated that he would not sign the necessary papers until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. This arrangement was made so that Governor Bell might have an opportunity again to reprieve Mrs. Rogers.

IN SUPERIOR COURT.

Judge Wheeler Hearing Theft Case of Donato Lavello.

After a tedious day's trial the jury in the superior court late yesterday afternoon rendered a verdict of not guilty in the case against Henry Galpin of Southbury, charged with theft of two hides valued at \$10, the property of his employer, named Minor. It was shown there were means by which the stolen property could easily have been taken by someone else. The jury was out only a short while. Attorney Russell defended the accused.

To-day the case against Donato Lavello, charged with a third offense of theft, was begun. Lavello is a young fellow. His father, Salvatore, owns the house in which Severio Rosa boarded on Johnson avenue. Rosa slept in a room which two cousins of the accused's father also occupied. On the night of March 8 last, Rosa had \$122 locked in a chest in his room. He took out \$2 and was certain he did not take a penny more and that \$120 was there when he locked the chest. When he woke in the morning the lock on the chest was broken off and the \$120 gone.

Judge Wheeler has allowed counsel for the defense until next Tuesday to file any motion they may see fit. It is the intention of the defense to object to arraigning the accused during this session of the court. On the other hand it is said the accused will be arraigned next Thursday. In that case there may be a trial of the case this term but it is very doubtful.

Chaffee's Specs.

Lieut. Gen. Chaffee has the most remarkable pair of spectacles in Washington. They are of enormous size, perfectly round, and are encased in heavy rims of black tortoise shell. When he puts them on they impart an unusually severe look to his strictly military features. They say about the war department that the general wears the glasses in order to frighten young lieutenants. They are of the pattern worn sometimes by Chinese mandarins, but Gen. Chaffee says he bought them in this country.

Fire-Walking Ceremony.

There was a fire-walking ceremony recently in the village of Chekkarapayam, near Palghat. The fire pit was about 16 feet long and 12 feet wide, and was well filled with burning cinders to a depth of fully five inches. The fire-walkers, who numbered about 47, marched in procession from the temple to the river and back to the fire pit. After offering puja in front of the pit they rushed over the fire amid heat of to-morrow and other primitive music.—Madras Mail.

Swordfish of Block Island.

The Block Islanders are justly proud of their swordfish, for they have a corner on that variety of the finny tribe, the flesh of which, it is claimed by many, surpasses anything caught in the deep. The demand for the swordfish is invariably greater than the supply, for although a number of boats from the islands make daily trips, they have practically no competition, as the fish even in the best fields are not numerous, and it is hard and dangerous work.

Lady's Pipe Collection.

One of the strangest cases of kleptomaniac ever brought to light was heard of in Paris. A certain lady had such a passion for smoking and for coloring meerschaum pipes that she had been for a long time stealing pipes of this description from shops. In the flat which she occupied there were found no fewer than 2,000 pipes, not one of which, it is believed, she had paid for.

Oldest Twins.

John Randolph Cooke and Mary Elizabeth Cooke, of Scranton, Pa., are believed to be the oldest twins in America. They were born near Buffalo 80 years ago, and until their parents died in 1865 continued to live there. Then they moved to Scranton. Neither attempted to venture on the sea of matrimony. They trace their family back to the pilgrim fathers.

The graduating exercises of St Thomas school will take place at the Auditorium to-morrow evening. A fine program, literary and musical, has been arranged. Rev. T. M. Crowley will confer the diploma. After the exercises a reception will be held. Evie's orchestra will furnish music for the dancing.

AT WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

President Roosevelt Given Degree "Doctor of Letters."

Williamstown, Mass., June 22.—Williams college was early astir to-day in anticipation of one of the most interesting and important events in its history, that of conferring upon the president of the United States the somewhat unusual degree of L. H. D., "doctor of letters."

The president here last evening after a busy day at Worcester, where he received a doctor of law's degree from Clark university, and for the night he was the guest of President Henry Hopkins of the college which to-day will honor him.

After breakfast at the home of President Hopkins the president and his party and Mr. Root and Mr. Choate accepted Dr. Hopkins' invitation to drive about the town and into the beautiful Berkshire county beyond. The streets of the town were filled. Many of the residents of the surrounding districts had arrived to hear the president's speech. Buildings had been quite generally trimmed with bunting and flags. The cordiality of the people was displayed at every point as the president passed.

The drive in time to give the president a few moments leisure before the procession was formed on the college grounds prior to the commencement exercises. At 10:45 those who were to make up the line were assembled in front of the library and a few moments later were moved on their way to the Congregational church.

The Democrat office is equipped with all the facilities for turning out book and job printing at short notice, and at lowest prices for good work.

William B. Townsend, represented by Attorney Thoms was given judgment for \$1,200 on two lots, situated on the Watertown road and owned by William L. Whitney et al. Judge Cowell rendered the decision. Judgment of foreclosure will now be brought.

WEATHER FORECAST

Forecast for Connecticut: Showers in north, fair in south portion to-night; warmer; Friday partly cloudy; light winds, generally southwest.

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